

City Budget Office Exceptions (CB 121208) and Carry Forward Ordinances (CB 121209)

Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee

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Budget Exceptions

- The Budget Exceptions bill provides retroactive budget authority (2025) for when spending does not align with revised budget control level appropriations.
- Total requested increase of \$8.1m.



2025 Budget Exceptions (CB 121208)

Department	2025 Revised Budget (BCL)	2025 Exception Amount	2025 Exception Description
Ethics and Elections	\$1,469,527	\$32,709	Higher than expected labor costs
Seattle Department of Human Resource	\$360,415,978	\$5,860,256	Medical claims exceeded projections
Seattle Department of Transportation	\$14,020,252	\$1,795	Technical accounting correction
Seattle Public Utilities	\$0	\$63,112	Technical accounting correction
Seattle Center	\$24,674,277	\$65,987	Overspent Seattle Center Fund budget
Seattle City Light	\$135,000,154	\$2,042,168	Taxes on revenue exceeded projections

2025 Carry Forward (CB 121209)

- Total of \$138 million of carry forward requests across all funds
- \$16 million of General Fund carry forward appropriation
 - \$5 million for OPCD EDI awards
 - \$4 million for HSD YouthCare South Annex Redevelopment
 - \$2 million for SPR Participatory Budgeting Restroom Access
- \$79 million in JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund carry forward appropriation
 - \$34 million for OH Multifamily Capital awards
 - \$37 million for OPCD EDI awards
 - \$5 million for HSD Rainier Valley Early Learning Campus
- \$42 million in Other Funds
 - \$11 million for OPCD EDI awards (Short Term Rental Tax Fund)
 - \$17.5 million for FAS Judgment and Claims (Judgment and Claims Fund)



Questions?

